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**DEC 14 2010**

Mr. Steven C. Nasan  
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Re: Modification to PCB Cleanup Plan for the Risk-Based PCB Cleanup and Disposal  
Approval under 40 CFR § 761.61(c) and § 761.79(h)  
Peabody Terrace Housing Complex, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Mass DEP RTN: 3-28873

Dear Mr. Nason:

This is in response to the requests by the President and Fellows of Harvard College (Harvard) to modify its PCB cleanup plan at the Peabody Terrace Housing Complex (Peabody Complex) located at 900 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts (the Site). These requests were submitted by Harvard to satisfy Conditions 1b and 17 of the *August 15, 2010 Risk-Based Cleanup and Disposal Approval under 40 CFR § 761.61(c) and § 761.79(h)* for the Peabody Complex (Approval).

Harvard is proposing the following modifications:

1. PCBs at greater than (>) 1 part per million (ppm) have been identified in soils surrounding the Peabody Complex buildings and Harvard is proposing to modify its cleanup plan to incorporate cleanup of the PCB-contaminated soils. Information to support this modification was dated November 11, 2010 (Approval Modification Request No. 2); November 18, 2010 (Approval Modification Request No. 2, Addendum 1); and, December 3, 2010 (Revised Figure 3-2, Building A,B,C Proposed Verification Sampling Locations).
2. Harvard's previous workplan proposed to encapsulate the entire concrete patio surfaces located on the ground level. As these patio slabs are in direct contact with underlying soils, full coverage of the concrete could effect the long-term durability of the coating. Thus, Harvard is proposing to encapsulate only the concrete area located within 24-inches of the building façade. (Modification request dated November 11, 2010 (PCB Remediation Plan Modification Request No. 3) and November 18, 2010 (PCB Remediation Plan Modification Request No. 3, rev. 1).

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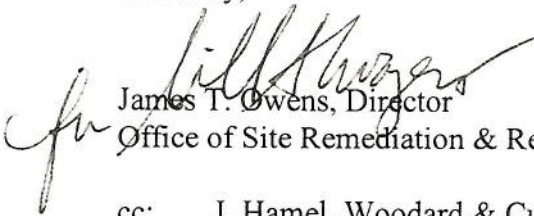
Based on its review of the submitted information, EPA is approving Harvard's modification requests. Please be advised that unless otherwise modified by this letter, all conditions specified in the Approval apply to these modifications.

Questions and correspondence should be directed to:

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EPA shall not consider this project complete until it has received all submittals required under this Approval. Please be aware that upon EPA receipt and review of the submittals, EPA may request any additional information necessary to establish that the work has been completed in accordance with 40 CFR Part 761, these modifications, and the Approval.

Sincerely,

  
James T. Owens, Director  
Office of Site Remediation & Restoration

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